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## **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

- 5 This invention relates generally to fishing, and more specifically, to a two-stage fishing bobber which either can be either used as a conventional visual indicator or as a more sensitive visual indicator to detect when a fish is nibbling on the bait.

## **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS.**

- 10 This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application title TWO STAGE FISHING BOBBER, Serial number 09/592,460 filed June 9, 2000.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

- 15 When fishing with a bobber, it can sometimes be difficult to determine when a fish is nibbling on the angler's line, especially in waters that have active waves or when one is fishing for passive or highly sensitive fish. Having difficulties in determining when a fish is nibbling on a line reduces the chance of an angler being able to hook and reel in the fish since premature jerking results in not hooking the fish or scaring nearby fish off.
- 20 The prior art includes bobbers with some type of spring setting action to set the hook. For example, in the embodiment shown in U.S. patent 4,359,836 the float includes a resistance body such as a flat disk that abruptly increase the drag on the line as the fish pulls on the line.
- 25 In contrast, the present invention does not provide for setting of the hook but supplies visual information to the fisherperson through a first-stage slideable rod that allows the fisherperson to visually determine if a fish is nibbling the bait by visually observing the